



# TOGETHER

# WE GROW

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is great to have the children back within the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at Cardijn College Galilee, learning about the school and getting to know the children. Over the week I have been struck by the way in which the children and staff care so greatly for the environment and each other in this very special place. It has been lovely to see the smiling faces and the greetings at morning drop off and at various times throughout the day, everyone has made me feel so welcome and the new school year has started well.

The Middle School has begun with excitement and the students have been enjoying their new spaces and time with their teachers. It is a great time to be at Cardijn College Galilee as we further develop our school as a place for students from R-9.

#### COVID-19 Update

From next week, Monday 8 February, we ask that all parents/carers, that enter the school site, check in using the QR codes, which will be at various places around the school. If you are not able to check in via the COVID-SAFE Check-in part of the mySA GOV App, then please make your way to the Office to sign in manually. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Have a great week everyone.

Kind regards  
Nick Wright  
Head of Campus



## Our new mud kitchen

Have you seen our new mud kitchen area yet?

Thank you to Shane and Ben Worrall from Abode Maintenance who constructed the upgrade during the school holidays. Last year Galilee won a \$20,000 grant from the Local Schools Community Fund. Representatives from each stage worked with Ms Moyse to design an area that could be enjoyed by all age groups.

Home groups visited the space in Week 1 to discuss play possibilities, think about safety rules and to enjoy the new space. A new outside learning poster was created for all students so everyone can remember to use the space in a respectful way.

Carmen Moyse  
Eco-Literacy



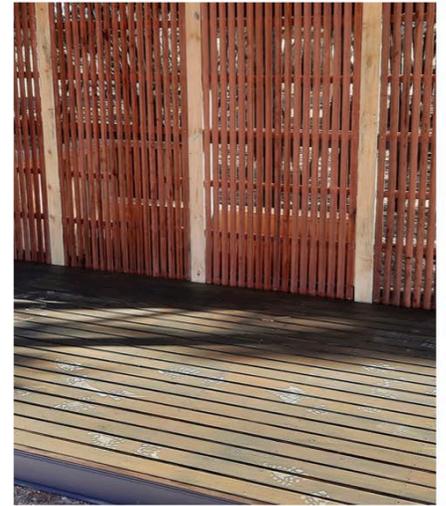
Harriet – I am going to make yummy cupcakes!

Ocean – I like how there are rocks in the creek bed

Olivia - I would like to make a flag to put on top of the mast

Mia - I'm going to fill the creek with water from the new water tap!

Ethan – I've made so many lattes already from the coffee machine!



# Mud kitchen area



The mud kitchen area is a place to explore, be curious, relax with friends, make mud pies, have water play, pretend, imagine, dance and lots more!

Please remember to:

- Always use it in a respectful way
- Care for the trees and other living creatures that we share the space with
- Use the water tap respectfully (please don't waste water)
- Share all of the items in the space
- Wear an art smock if playing with water and dirt
- Enjoy your time in the mud kitchen!

*Lachlan – I like doing my maths as it gets my brain working and seeing my friends is welcoming.*

*Finley – I like seeing everyone.*

*Caelan – I like being in stage 2, the learning tasks are harder. I like my teacher and we get laptops.*

*Indy – My new teacher Mrs McLaren makes me feel welcome. She makes me smile when I see her.*

*Arella – I like seeing my friends.*

*Sebastian – All the students are welcoming.*

*Eva – I like having really friendly teachers*

*Loving God*

*Be with us as we begin a new year of learning and friendships.*

*Help us to value our differences, and to remember as members of one body we are individually an integral part of building a community of hope, joy, justice, resilience and harmony.*

*Amen*

Kerri Gould  
Deputy Head

## Welcome

As we begin a new school year it is a great time to give thanks for all the things a new year welcomes into our lives. In 2021 we welcome new staff, new families and children. The students are welcomed into new learning communities and they welcome the opportunity to make new friendships and learning opportunities. As we look around our grounds, we welcome growth of our plants including the peaches and plums growing in the secret garden. In 2021 we also welcome the school's growth as Cardijn College Galilee, and we welcome our senior Middle School students as we expand to year 7 – 9.

This year we welcome the opportunity to inquire into the concept of 'welcome' and learn more about what it means for our learning and growth. To begin, I wonder what has helped our students experience a sense of welcome to our community? I wonder how do you feel when others welcome you and how can we use your gifts to be welcoming to others? Often, for some children the beginning of the year can be difficult with transition back to school and learning after the holidays. However, they do ultimately manage these situations (although sometimes with extra reassurance, practice and gentle encouraging). Kirillie Smout a clinical child/adolescent psychologist and the director of Developing Minds has some great tips and ideas for parents when supporting a child with separation anxiety. <https://developingminds.net.au/blog/2020/7/14/i-want-to-be-with-you-mumdadnbsp-helping-children-who-feel-anxious-when-away-from-parentscaregivers>

I hope that for you and your family 2021 is a year you experience a great sense of welcome. I look forward to working in partnership with you and catching up with you throughout the year. Wishing you and your family blessings for the year ahead!

# Vacation Care

After a year of COVID uncertainty and significant changes in our family, school and social lives it was a privilege to offer a Vacation Care Program that could recapture the spirit of "PLAY."

Our daily themes and activities showcased a program full of adventure, creativity, investigation, exploration and the joy of learning from each other and the world around us.

Highlights from the summer break were our 10 foot water slide, Chocolate Fountain Day, Christmas Celebration Days, Water and Bubbles Day, Trolls Day, Dinosaur and Archaeology Day, Tropicana Day and a visit from Nature Play S.A.

From the on-going daily activity, the children's smiling faces and the constant echoing sounds of laughter provided us with valuable feedback that our Vacation Care Program had delivered CHOICE, WONDER and DELIGHT to all!

A big thank you to all involved!!

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Director Ms Ashleigh Parker to our OSHC family. We are so pleased to have you join us and look forward to the exciting changes OSHC will be undertaking in the future to continue the commitment we hold to providing the quality care our children deserve.

Assistant Director

Lisa Brown



# Welcome and World Wetlands Day

## Welcome ...

"Once again ... welcome.

Come freely, go safely;

And leave something of the happiness you bring." *Bram Stoker*

We have so many people to welcome including our Principal, Dr Paul Rijken and Head of Campus, Mr Nick Wright. At Community Prayer Mr Wright welcomed our new staff and students.

## ... and Wetlands

Mr Westover's homegroup reminded us at prayer that wetlands are places of welcome.

Our wetlands help make a welcoming place for many species and support life.

Last week Mia, Olivia and Lachlan visited the wetlands with Ms Moyse and noticed that parts of it were looking very dry and shallow because of the Season of Summer that we are in. We could see the dry, crumbly ground in parts where there is normally water. We saw 2 ducks and 1 bird. Underneath the dry ground tiny creatures called macro and micro invertebrates still live even when there is no water.

## God of Life, hear our prayers ...

Dear God,

Thank you for all of creation that is welcomed in your eyes. May we remember to welcome others throughout our school day.

We thank you for the gift of water which is essential for life on earth. Help us to remember to use it respectfully.

Please help us to remember to look after special places like Galilee's wetlands and care for all of God's creation.

God of life, hear us.

Sharon Doyle  
APRIM





If your child is going to be absent, late, or leaving early please notify the office by SMS on 0407761162 before 9am. Please provide the following details:

- Child's name
- Reason for absence/early departure/late arrival
- Child's home room teacher

## Galilee Directory

### School

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**Galilee OpShop**

CLOSED until further notice

**CURIOUS FRIENDS Playgroup**

Mondays 9am - 10.30am

Melanie Wilson p 85579000

**PFCG:**

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**Second-hand uniform**

Shop Wednesdays & Fridays

8.45am - 9.15am

& 2.45pm - 3.15pm

## KEY DATES

Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Welcome cuppa 8am
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Info Night
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Shrove Tuesday
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday



We look forward to providing you with more information of these and future events. If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us on 8557 9000.

Contributions to be submitted by 3pm Mondays to njwalters@galilee.catholic.edu.au Inclusions at the Principal's discretion and some items may need to be amended depending on space.